Christ the King

INTRODUCTION

introit hymn— 113

Celebration Hymnal

All respond: Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon ** and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEÏSON is sung.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory \maltese of God the Father. Amen.

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year B

FIRST READING

Dan 7.9-10,13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 93

R. The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed. (*All repeat*)

The Lord is King and has put on glorious apparel;

the Lord has girded himself with strength. He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved. \mathbb{R} .

Your throne has been established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods, O Lord, have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their pounding waves. \mathbb{R} .

Mightier than the thunder of many waters, the Lord on high is mightier than the breakers of the sea.

Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever. $|\mathbb{R}|$

SECOND READING

Rev 1.4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever, Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so, Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN— 357

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 19.38

Alleluia.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Jn 18.33-37

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ★ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Pilate called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world - to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

A SERMON may follow.

All **stand** to recite the NICENE CREED.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (all rise) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life \(\frac{1}{2}\) of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercessions are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

 \forall . Lord, hear us. \mathbb{R} . **Lord, graciously hear us.** or \forall . Lord, in your mercy, \mathbb{R} . **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

 \mathbb{R} . And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessions end:

Merciful Father.

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All **stand** as the priest introduces the PEACE. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN— 239

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the Prayer over the offerings.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice which reconciles mankind, and ask that your Son may grant to all nations the gifts of unity and peace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim: Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. Amen.

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion is distributed.

communion hymn— 696

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION *prayer.* Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL. The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Iesus as Lord. Amen.

God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father. Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ the King. Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN—619

The service may be followed by the Angelus.

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

 \mathbb{R} . And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

- V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
- \mathbb{R} . Be it unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary ...
- V. And the Word was made flesh:
- \mathbb{R} . And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...
- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
- R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross

♣ be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.